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SUBJECT: GATT TOKYO MINISTERIAL MEETING ON MULTILATERAL
TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

REF: STATE 159293

1. DUTCH DEL FOR SUBJECT MEETING NOT YET FIRM BUT WILL
PROBABLY BE LIMITED TO FIVE AS FRUGAL DUTCH CABINET SEES
NO NEED FOR LARGE DELEGATION TO MEETING WHICH WILL BE
ESSENTIALLY CEREMONIAL. LIKELY DELEGATES ARE:

R.F.M. LUBBERS, MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS,
M.H. VAN WIJK, DIRECTOR OF MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS, MINECON,
C. VAN DER TAK, CHIEF OF UNCTAD AFFAIRS, MFA
H. RADHAKISHUN, MINISTER OF FINANCE, SURINAM.
TH. G.M. TIJSSEN, DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS,
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NETHERLANDS ANTILLES.

2. DESPITE HIS FUNCTION AS CHIEF OF UNCTAD AFFAIRS, VAN DER TAK (A CAREER CIVIL SERVANT WITH 30 YEARS EXPERIENCE) TELLS US HE DOES NOT SEE HIMSELF AS SPOKESMAN ON DELEGATION FOR WELL-KNOWN DUTCH PRO-LDC SENTIMENTS, WHICH ARE IF ANYTHING MORE ACTIVIST THAN EVER UNDER PRESENT LEFT-OF-CENTER GOVERNMENT. WHILE LUBBERS WILL DOUBTLESS PUT IN A GOOD WORD FOR LDC INTERESTS IF AND WHEN HE ADDRESSES MINISTERIAL, DUTCH WANT DEEPLY TO LAUNCH MTN IN POSITIVE DIRECTION AND WILL NOT WISH TO BELABOR CONTENTIOUS ISSUES AT TOKYO.

3. IN CONVERSATION WITH ECON/COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR, VAN WIJK EXPRESSED SURPRISE ABOUT MANIFEST EAGERNESS OF NETHERLANDS ANTILLES TO BE REPRESENTED AT TOKYO AT A TIME WHEN GNA IS STILL TRYING TO GET GON AND SYG LONG TO CIRCULATE NOTIFICATION OF GNA INTENT TO REPUDIATE ITS GATT CONCESSIONS AND BINDINGS. AFTER LATEST GNA REMINDER, WHICH TOTALLY IGNORED GON WARNINGS THAT THIS UNILATERAL REPUDIATION WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE, VAN WIJK HAS TURNED IN SOME DESPERATION TO LONG FOR HIS SUPPORT AND ADVICE IN DISSUADING WILLEMSTAD FROM THIS COURSE. BLODGETT

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